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FOR SALE—Two pairs of heavy sleighs and one long sled. Apply A. J. Nash, North Bennington, Vt. 157-X.

FOR SALE—One two seated market sleigh up-to-date, nearly new, will be sold cheap. Good second-hand coat and fur stoves, also the assortment second hand furniture. Jones Box, 314 River St. Bennington, Vt. 157-X.

NOTICE—Save the Trade-Marks from Babington's Creamery, Babington's 1776 Soap Powder, Babington's Lard, Babington's Floating Soap and Babington's Best Soap. Bring to the Babington's for Christmas.

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FOR SALE—Modern house, 8 rooms, in a beautiful place, good cellar, and large shed in rear, colored and city water. Located 10 minutes walk from Main St. Price \$1800-\$2000. Nash & Hutchins.

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WILSON SENDS HIS FINAL WORD TO AUSTRIANS

United States Will Not Discuss Facts in the Case

OUR DEMANDS AGAIN STATED

Administration Declares That Austria's Own Statement Admits All This Country Needs to Know

Washington, Dec. 19.—The new American note, reiterating the pre-emptory demand of the United States Government for disavowal of and indemnity for the sinking of the Italian-American liner Ancona and punishment of the commander of the submarine that torpedoed her, went forward today from the State Department for delivery to the Austro-Hungarian Government. Sent by cable in the secret cipher of the State Department, via London and Copenhagen, to Frederick Courland Pendell, the American Ambassador, the new note, virtually an ultimatum, is expected to reach Vienna on Tuesday. It is expected that it will be handed without delay to Count Burian, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

There is no time limit set in the note within which the Vienna Government must comply with the demands of the American Government and in this strict sense the communication is not an ultimatum. But it is understood that President Wilson and Secretary Lansing decline to engage in any controversy with Vienna over the facts in the case and plant themselves squarely on the official admission by the Vienna Government, through its Admiralty statement, that the Ancona was torpedoed while the steamer was at a halt and while human beings were on board. They find that nothing will be acceptable to this government but prompt disavowal of the act, reparation for the American lives lost, and punishment of the submarine officer who so far failed to observe the requirements of international law and the dictates of humanity as to sink an unresisting merchant ship while halted, with non-combatants aboard, without making the slightest effort to save their lives.

SENT TO STATE PRISON

Nye Means Said He Wanted Work and New Has Steady Job.

Nye Means, formerly of Sandgate, where he is said to have a wife and children was today sentenced to not more than two years or less than one at hard labor in the state prison at Windsor by Judge Holden in municipal court.

Means was arrested Sunday night at his room on North street by Chief of Police Brazil, charged statutory offense. In court this morning he pleaded guilty and sentence was imposed. Means came to Bennington with a woman, not his wife, and claimed to be trying to find work, but did not appear to try very hard and declined jobs that were offered him.

WHEN LIVER IS TORPID

or sluggish all the other vital organs of your body are affected. You have stomach and bowel troubles, your head aches, your skin loses its clearness, and you have the blues. Take Hood's Pills—gentle and thorough. Do not irritate nor gripe. Price 25c. of all druggists or C. L. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

TO RENT—Tenement. Apply E. S. Kerr, 121 Division St.

TO RENT—Six room tenement on Elm St. Apply to William J. Meagher 647.

TO RENT—Seven room house 133 Putnam street. Apply Edward E. Jones, 4825.

TO RENT—Two houses on Silver St., with all modern improvements. Apply to Melissa H. Mason, 24 South St.

TO RENT—North side of tenement on North Main St., \$8 per month. Inquire Mattie Richard Patterson 125 Scott St.

TO RENT—One double and two single offices or stores with all modern improvements at the new Hotel Block on Main St.

TO RENT—Furnished rooms in the Brewster block, North St., steam heat, electric lights, etc. Apply M. L. Davis on the premises.

TO RENT—Fully equipped machine shop connected with hotel four garages, car and truck, also all modern improvements. Inquire Geo. M. Barker, 61 Main St.

TO RENT—Three furnished steam-heated rooms, suitable for light housekeeping, at the Levee house, formerly the E. A. Adams, 100 West Main St. Apply to Charles N. Powers, agent for the property.

To Rent at 314 Main street six room tenement with coal and gas ranges, hot water heat, electric lights and gas. Apply Mrs. E. S. Sumner on premises.

"BROTHER NEEDS PANTS"

Pitiful Letter Received by Civic League From Child.

The following is one of the Santa Claus letters received by the Community Christmas Committee:

"Dear Santa Claus

and your letter was very much pleased to hear from you. I am 8 year old I need dresses of all bad and stockings. I will be pleased with anything. My little brother he needs pants of all bad and waist to. I hate to ask to much dear Santa. But my other brother needs. Pants to and waist. My sister she needs dress very bad stockings and I hate to tell you dear Santa but she hasn't got no under skirt to wear to school. Well dear Santa I am afraid you will be sorry that I wrote me for they is a lot of us but we love one another just the same. you know I haven't got no mama she has gone to heaven I don't know why God took her but they tell me God knows best, o dear I don't know sante. I hope I haven't asked to much but will be pleased with anything. Thanking you very much for all you have done for us and wishing you a merry Christmas and happy new year."

The Sunday schools of the village have started the ball rolling toward the Community Christmas Headquarters. They have gone a long way toward supplying the need for toys and candy. The great call now is for money to buy the necessary shoes and warm clothing. Calls have been made for the following: 45 pairs of shoes, 4 pairs of rubbers, 28 suits of underwear, 32 dresses, 20 pairs of stockings, 12 pairs of pants and 19 overcoats.

AWFUL FATE OF SERBIANS

Killed, Frozen and Starved to Death by Thousands.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—In a dispatch from Rome to The Daily News, Louis Edgar Browne tells of the sufferings of the Serbian soldiers who made their way into Albania after the crushing defeat of their army at Pristina.

"Three routes of retreat," says Mr. Browne, "were open to the army. The main route was through Lunkubus, at the junction of the Black and White Drin Rivers. Another route was through Jacobitz and their into Montenegro, and the last was from Pristina southward into Albania via the old Roman road to Dibra, Elbasan, and Durazzo. All three are absolutely impassable for vehicles, each is nothing more than a mile patch over high precipitous, snowbound mountains."

"The last orders of the General Staff read: 'Fall back on Scutari and Durazzo using the three passes.' But the Austro-Germans, and especially the Bulgars, advanced so rapidly that the Serbs were unable to cover the retreat, for by suddenly invading Montenegro the Austrian troops captured Jacobitz and closed the last passes so quickly that scarcely 3,000 Serbs retreated that way."

"The invasion of Dular by Bulgars lands armed with mountain batteries closed the Dular route, and only the Lunkubus Pass was left for the retreat of 70,000 men. For twenty miles in the Drin Pass three men can not walk abreast. The army retreated of snail-like in double file, the line extending mile after mile, the troops shuffling along like despondent, heart-broken men."

"At the entrance of the pass, twenty miles from Pristina, were 70,000 men struggling madly to enter and escape the enemy. Lunkubus Pass is like a funnel. The Drin River, draining the plain of Pristina, dashes through a narrow gorge. The Serbs all tried to get through the pass at the same time. Five days after the defeat at Pristina 35,000 men had entered the pass. Then the Bulgars caught the range of the entrance to the pass, and after that all attempting to enter were killed."

"For five hours the artillery wrecked terrific slaughter on the non-resisting Serbs, who only huddled together like sheep, and turned their backs to the storm of high explosives and shrapnel. The great masses of Serbs in the rear rushed forward on those ahead, and shoved them to death. It was like a panic-stricken crowd rushing from a burning theater. Then the Serbs threw down their rifles, and the Bulgars took back to Pristina 45,000 of them as prisoners."

"Those who escaped began at Lunkubus a struggle for life worse than the struggle to escape the Bulgars shells."

"The first contingents were composed mainly of men with infected wounds and feet covered with blisters. During starvation, they arrived in Scutari in thirteen days after leaving Pristina. They had gone through a terrible hell, and I doubt if any but the giant Serb fighters could have done it."

"When the men left Pristina they had a three days' supply of bread. When that was finished they had nothing more except what they found by the roadside. When a horse fell from

SUIT AGAINST EST. OF LATE PASTOR OF CHURCH

Note Said to Have Been Signed By Rev. A. J. Barron

CASE SET FOR TRIAL TODAY

Claimed that Money Was For Work of Church in This Diocese—Signature of Note is Questioned

County court convened at 2 o'clock this afternoon following the recess over Sunday with the understanding that the case of Miss Mary A. Freeman of Richmond vs the executors of the estate of the late Rev. A. J. Barron, former pastor of St. Francis de Sales church, was the next to be taken up.

This case is an appeal from a ruling by the commissioners in which they refused to pay a note amounting with interest to \$3549.60 and purported to have been originally made by the late pastor to the claimant, Mrs. Freeman, shortly after he became pastor of St. Francis de Sales. The note itself is not in the handwriting of the late Mr. Barron and the commissioners, H. Harry Sharpe and Nicholas J. Morrissey, ruled that it should not be paid.

Officials of the diocese have made every effort to find trace of the money and state that they have been unsuccessful. The books and accounts of the late Father Barron have also been carefully investigated without disclosing any record which would account for any such amount of money. According to the officials of the diocese Father Barron's accounts with the head of the church in this state were exceptionally accurate.

Father Barron left a small estate, while he was the recipient of a salary and fees during his pastorate that would have enabled him to have accumulated considerable property if it was his custom to devote a good portion of his income to the work of the church and to the payment of his obligations. Shortly before his death he bequeathed his real estate to the parish.

The commissioners made their adverse ruling upon the note without an extensive investigation, holding that a final decision in the matter should be by the courts.

D. A. Gulikman and K. E. Healy appear for the executors, Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald and Mrs. Josie Cranfield. Mrs. Freeman, who is an elderly woman, is represented by J. J. Enright of Burlington and Frank C. Archibald of Manchester.

It is claimed that the original note was made in 1899 and was for \$3000 and that this note was signed by Rev. John S. Michael, bishop of the diocese and by Rev. A. J. Barron. This original note is said to have been taken up in 1904 by making a new note also signed by Bishop Michael and Father Barron. Another renewal is claimed to have been made at \$5000 shortly after Bishop Michael's death and signed by Father Barron alone.

It is reported that the plaintiff will claim that the money was for church work in the diocese and was borrowed for that purpose by Father Barron who was a close personal friend of Bishop Michael. The defendants will question the genuineness of the signature of the note.

exhaustion the soldiers immediately skinned it and ate chunks of raw meat torn with bayonets from the carcass. I saw many soldiers eating raw horse meat with apparent relish. One of the soldiers made soup of a donkey's leg bones. The Serbian Crown Prince Alexander saw a man eating the raw intestines of a horse. On the route were only a few scattered Albanian one-room houses, occupied by from twelve to twenty persons, and consequently there was absolutely no shelter available against the zero weather. For a considerable part of the journey the snow was a yard deep.

"During the first day's trip the knife-like stones in the mountain made path cut the soldiers' shoes into shreds. Then they discarded their shoes and trudged along barefooted, leaving dark red stains in the snow. They waded nine streams so deep that the water came up to their armpits."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

MRS FRANCES E. MOORE

Well-Known Resident of Bennington Died Sunday Evening.

Mrs. Frances E. Moore, aged 68 years, a life long resident of Bennington, passed away at her home on Grove street at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. Death was due to heart disease.

The end came suddenly as Mrs. Moore had been in her usual health up to Saturday night. Sunday morning she complained of a slight illness and a physician, who was summoned, did not believe her ailment to be serious. She took to her bed and grew steadily worse. At 6 o'clock she tried to get about the house but became so bad that the doctor was summoned a second time. She passed away in her chair in the early evening.

Mrs. Moore, who before her marriage was Miss Frances Smith, was born near the Pownal and Bennington town line in 1847. She was married to Henry Moore in this town and had two children, George Moore of Main street and James Moore, both of whom survive her. Her husband died 38 years ago.

Beside her two sons she is survived by a stepson, John H. Moore of North street and a step-daughter, Miss Nellie M. Moore of Park street. The funeral is to be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. W. G. Toward of the Baptist church of Bennington will officiate. Burial will be in the family lot at Park Lawn cemetery.

LEG BADLY BROKEN

Section Foreman P. V. Perrott Seriously Injured This Afternoon.

Patrick V. Perrott, section foreman on the Bennington branch of the Rutland railroad, sustained a broken leg and other injuries in an accident just east of the rock cut early this afternoon. One leg is badly broken above the knee and the other may be fractured above the ankle. The break is of a compound nature and the injured man lost much blood before the services of a physician could be secured.

Perrott and his gang of men were at work with a handcar when they were warned by whistle of the approach of a light engine on its way from Rutland to Chatham. The men hurried to remove the car from the track and the engineer applied the brakes but the wheels of the locomotive failed to grip and slid over the track to a point a few feet beyond where the car had been standing.

The section men were successful in removing the hand car before the locomotive reached them, but Perrott apparently slipped and stumbled in front of the engine. He was thrown from the track by the contact of the locomotive but the wheels did not pass over his body.

The injured man was brought to Bennington on the light engine and Dr. L. H. Ross was summoned. The physician at once stated that one leg was badly broken and he thought that the other was fractured in the vicinity of the ankle. Accompanied by the physician the injured man was taken on the flyer to one of the Troy hospitals.

DANGER IN GASOLINE.

This Substance Is Seven Times More Powerful Than Dynamite.

Do you know that gasoline gas is seven times more powerful than dynamite? asks the National Cash Register News in an article on the use of gasoline with safety in the home. Gasoline is a thin, water white liquid which evaporates rapidly and throws off vast quantities of vapor very inflammable and explosive when mixed with air.

Substances like cotton, linen, silk, especially when unwashed and undried, become more or less electrified when rubbed or moved quickly in a bath of gasoline, the gasoline becoming negatively charged. Gasoline being a bad conductor, the generated electricity accumulates and reaches, lighting the gas and causing fire and explosion. Weather conditions affect the results decidedly, the dry air of winter being more dangerous than moist summer air. Gasoline explosions in garages are often brought about by static electricity, a fact definitely proved.

In case of fire tight cans are liable to explode, throwing the burning gasoline all over the premises, thereby augmenting the fire. For this reason gasoline should be stored outside the house, preferably in safety type cans (cans with fine wire gauze in neck and spout).

Gasoline used for cleaning should be used outdoors, at least fifty feet from any fire, light or burning substance, never in an enclosed room. The heavy vapors travel long distances and are highly explosive. Never clean gloves or clothing in gasoline should be accomplished by means of a dry stick.

Gasoline stoves should never be filled with a light or fire within fifty feet of the stove.

"Pop, tell me some conundrums."

"Conundrums? Why, I don't know any conundrums, my son."

"Oh, yes, you do! I heard mother tell Aunt Mary the other day that you knew her guessing most of the time."

Boston Journal.

ROOSEVELT PICKS MEN HIS PARTY WOULD HELP

Men Like Hughes, Knox or Hadley Would Be Acceptable

FRIEND TELLS HIS VIEWS

Colonel Roosevelt Not a Candidate and Willing to Support Republican Not of the Old Guard

Washington, Dec. 19.—George E. Miller, Washington correspondent of The Detroit News, and a close personal and political friend of Theodore Roosevelt for many years, recently visited the Colonel at Oyster bay and had a long talk with him regarding the political situation and his own attitude toward it. While not at liberty to quote the Colonel directly, Mr. Miller has no hesitation in repeating the views and opinions expressed by the former President. On this question of candidates, Mr. Miller said:

"Colonel Roosevelt's declarations permit me to say that if the Republicans nominate such a man as Justice Hughes or ex-Governor Hadley, or former Secretary of State Knox of Pennsylvania, on a reasonably progressive platform, the Colonel will support him. I believe this to be the absolute fact. He respects Justice Hughes's conscientious scruples and admits it may establish a highly dangerous precedent to go to the United States Supreme Court for a Presidential candidate, but says the question of that precedent might as well be settled now as at some later time."

Regarding the possibility of Colonel Roosevelt's becoming a candidate for the Republican nomination, Mr. Miller said:

"I do not believe any living man can say, or induce the Colonel to say, that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination in 1916, either active, passive, or even receptive; yet many are trying to get such an expression or admission from him. They come from all parts of the country and his office is thronged with them."

CHANGED HER TACTICS.

She Lacked Beauty, but She Had a Fine Sense of Humor.

There is on the Breton coast a little seaside resort noted in an admirable setting of rocks and groves and equipped with a Grand hotel of the beach which has been transformed in these sadly changed days into a hospital for the wounded soldiers of France; for all that there are other people on the sands besides the convalescent heroes and especially any number of pretty women always ready to lend their help to the doctors in charge. Among these a charming actress was particularly lavish with her attentions to the soldiers. One day when she was present a big dark fellow manifested an invincible repugnance to a bitter dose which by the doctor's orders he was to drink.

"If you are a good boy and do what the doctor tells you," said the dancer, "you may kiss me."

Instantly and with one gulp the big fellow swallowed the stuff, wiped his great mustache and claimed his reward. It was all done so prettily that even the head surgeon permitted himself to smile.

But the real comedy began when the head nurse, a homely matron turning fifty, appeared the next morning and announced:

"Every one of you who takes his medicine will be allowed to kiss me."

The effect was immediate. Each and every patient made a face and put down on the table beside him the dose which he had been about to swallow.

Now the head nurse is goodness itself, and her goodness is well spiced with wit. She was the first to laugh at the result of her invitation. Then she pretended to be angry.

"Very well," she cried. "Every mother's son of you that hasn't taken his medicine in five minutes will be condemned to kiss me!"

The soldiers laughed in their turn, and every glass was hastily picked up and promptly emptied.—New York Post.

A Royal Tragedy.

Frederick I. of Prussia was killed by fear. His wife was insane, and one day she escaped from her keepers and, dabbling her clothes in blood, rushed upon her husband while he was dozing in his chair. King Frederick imagined her to be the white lady whose ghost is believed to appear whenever the death of a member of a royal family is to occur, and he was thrown into a fever and died in six weeks.

CHRISTMAS WORK OF THREE LOCAL CHURCHES

More Support for Community Christmas Is Needed

PROGRAMS GIVEN YESTERDAY

This Week Will Be Devoted To Efforts To Secure Money and Gifts Still Desired.

The Christmas music at the Second Congregational church yesterday morning was of unusual excellence. The selection of anthems and solos was new, and the choir under the direction of Mr. Bottom had practiced very faithfully. The solos by Mrs. Baker and Miss Suter were very pleasing, and Mrs. Keseman at the organ with choice selections satisfied the people as always.

In the Sunday school the program of "White Gifts to the King" was carried through with much interest. Miss Perkins, who had suggested the idea and arranged with the help of a committee the details of it, told finely a Christmas story. All the classes made generous offerings of "substance," which one member of each class was delegated to carry to the platform, which was covered all in white, and place at the foot of the white cross. There were many promises of service and considerable gifts of money enclosed in the white envelopes which another member of each class carried forward. Miss Cone's class of ladies made a particular gift of \$28 to Piedmont College. The offering to the Belgian Relief Fund contributed a week ago at the church service now amounts to \$48.

Christmas was celebrated yesterday in the Baptist and Congregational Sunday schools of this village and the Congregational Sunday school of North Bennington by the bringing of White Gifts for the King. On each platform was a large white cross, gifts wrapped in white were brought forward by each class from the beginners up and laid at the foot of the cross. The little children had made scrap books, the older ones had dressed dolls and many brought gifts representing real sacrifice—baskets and baskets full and overflowing. A strong feeling of love and reverence prevailed every service.

In addition to material gifts many offers of service in the church and community were made and a number gave the most perfect of gifts, self. In compliance with the admonition, "In as much as ye do it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto me" these gifts will be distributed among those who would otherwise know no joy in celebrating the King's birthday.

The Baptist Sunday school will make a substantial Christmas for the residents of the Town Farm and will send two large clothes baskets of toys together with \$50 in money to the Community Christmas. The Congregational Sunday school will distribute theirs among the poor of the church, the King's Daughters and the Community Christmas. The Episcopal church, although not having a special service will send a trunk full of gifts to the Community Christmas. In North Bennington the Congregational Sunday school had a most successful service, the gifts were most generous and numerous. These will be given locally and the money gifts which amounted to \$75 will be divided equally to the church's Turkish mission and the children of North Bennington.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS

To Be Given by the Children at Library Hall.

One of the happiest events this Christmas holiday season for the children of Bennington will be the Christmas plays which are to be given free at Library hall. The first play will be a repetition of Dickens' "Scrooge's Christmas" as given last week at the graded school by pupils of the eighth grade under the direction of Miss Mary Robinson. This will be followed by a dramatic production of "The Bird's Christmas Carol" by Kate Douglas Wiggin, the cast for which has been selected from all the grades of all the schools. Both of these plays promise to be highly entertaining for the children, besides portraying for them a bit of the perfect Christmas spirit. The performance will probably be held Friday afternoon of the holiday week, December 31st. Young people, save this afternoon in your holiday schedules for a jolly good time.